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LOCAL HISTORY.

Court Houses and Places of Records.

Incidental Memorandum—By Leonard B. Chapman. Number 83.

IN SEVERAL PARTS—PART FOUR—TEEN.

The history of the town of Paris compiled in 1884 by Dr. William Berry Lapham and Mr. Silas P. Maxim, the last having a notice bestowed upon him on page 433 of the work with a fine lithograph drawing of the man, presents the names and locations of places where the first settlers located in Oxford county, and then proceeds to state on page 445 that "the county Common, on which the court house, jail, county office building and jailer's residence were located, was decided by Jesse Cummings to the county, October 8th, 1805, for a consideration of one dollar." This is correct and is the only allusion to the county buildings found in 156-work of importance.

The views from Paris Hill which became the site town of Oxford county at the time of its creation and thus remained till the county buildings were removed to their present site are due, but its present attractions, especially in the winter, are embodied in the stories of what the place has been. It has produced a U. S. Vice President whose name will endure with that of President Lincoln, as long as records engraved upon tablets of stone and written upon record books, deposited in numerous archives last. It was the adopted homeplace of Gov. Abner K. Paris, whose remains after an eventful life, repose on a lot in Portland's Evergreen cemetery, marked by a tall monument; Gov. Enoch Lincoln who sleeps the sleep of death within the State House enclosure, Gov. Sidney Parkman and other celebrities too numerous to mention here, a place now wearing the appearance of one who had seen better days.

The history of Bethel states on page 168 that early in the century the question of the creation of a new county began to be agitated, and conventions were held at Paris Hill to talk it up. Finally, an act was passed through the General Court creating the county of Oxford with the shire town at Paris. At this day, it seems strange that such an inconvenient place should have been selected as the shire town of the county.

It is not the display of "strangeness" in the selection of the locality, viewed from the present, as that of allowing the place to remain so long after its public buildings had become totally unfitted for the use to which they were applied, and are now things in common with a few others that invite inspection of the locality, particularly the neat outward appearance of the Baptist meeting house with some signs of antiquity, and its steeple-clock and bell, the first a donation, so said, from Vice President Hamilton—the latter by many citizens, whose names and amounts, aided by the old Court of Sessions of the Peace, which, by the permission of the editor of the Citizen, I hope to notice further on.

In number 26 and 27 and again in number 28 and 29 in this series of articles some notice was bestowed upon the town of Paris and county of Oxford, showing that the County of Oxford was created March 4, 1805, from the northern parts of York and Cumberland counties—a date found in the official records of the legislative books of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The history of Bethel on page 168 gives the boundary lines of Oxford county but not the date of the creation act, which is here presented as it has been before.

With these preliminary statements I will now proceed to state the provisions made from time to time for the creation of the Paris Hill.

OXFORD COUNTY.

The first Baptist meeting house of Paris Hill was erected in 1803, and was therefore comparatively new when the county was incorporated and it is conjectured the first meeting of the Court of Sessions of the Peace was held within its walls. The meeting house was dedicated May 30th, 1804, and stood very near the site of the present meeting house upon which appears the

SOME ELEMENTS IN THE PROGRESS

Of a Century. Thanksgiving Address

By Rev. W. C. Curtis of Bethel.

TEXT—EPIH. 5:20.

The year 1910 has been the best year that ever dawned upon our land. Only to live in the 20th century in an immeasurable cause for thankfulness. If we take the measure year by year we may not be able to note much advance in the general happiness of humanity.

But let us look at the progress of a century or less in ways of living, in intellectual advancement, in ethics, religion and spirituality.

The pulse and pace of the world has been marvelously quickened during the last hundred years.

A century ago the farmer used a wooden plow with which he scratched the earth; and to how little of the wealth of the soil it appealed; and the fruits of his toil were proportionately meager. He reaped his little patch of grain with a sickle a handful at a time. Today if his acres are not many he rides upon his sulky and turns up soil and subsoil in smooth and even furrows. If he has a large farm he uses plows drawn by a steam engine to do the same thing, and he reaps and threshes his grain by the thousand bushels a day.

The clothing for all lands was mainly spun and wove by hand. Much as we boast its achievements few appreciate how large a proportion of the world's progress in civilization has come since the application of steam to travel, commerce, manufactures and printing.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there was very little travel. Men lived in isolated communities. Mutually ignorant they were mutually suspicious.

Under such conditions there was little exchange of either ideas or commodities.

Many things that we all now regard as necessities in food and apparel were unknown a hundred years ago save to the laborer or wardrobe of the rich.

In the beginning of the last century it has been said the human hand performed all the work and performed it badly.

There are those with us today whose mothers, like Solomon's virtuous women, told their hands to the spindle and distaff and knew no other way.

Intercourse is the soul of progress and how it has been facilitated by the use of steam.

A little more than a century ago Lord Campbell accomplished the journey from Edinburgh to London in three days and three nights. But judicious friends warned him of the risk he ventured and told him that many persons who had rashly attempted it had actually died from the mere rapidity of the motion.

Last week the same journey was made in seven hours.

The thrilling dispatches telling of the battle of Waterloo in 1815 were rushed post haste to London in three days. The rebellion in Mexico that began last week was known in Washington a few minutes after the first gun was fired.

The progress in artificial light, in dispelling darkness, is at once wonderful and suggestive. I well remember spending an evening and night in a home not especially poor where the only illuminant was a cotton rag in a saw of grease. Now any one whose home is not abated with the newest type of electric light seems himself as suffering deprivation and hardship.

And the illumination of men's minds and the enlargement of their charity and sympathies has kept pace with the progress in nature's illuminants.

The coming of new books and magazines into the ordinary home of 1910 were rare as angel's visits, and to take a weekly newspaper gave a family distinction.

Little did the dames of that day think that their children's children would be gathering carloads of papers and magazines from their home to be sent away and ground into pulp. Why the greatest good since Noah's time is the flood of literature that deluges multitudes of homes today.

In these conditions there is little

SNOW STORM STUCK THINGS UP

In Bethel. Couldn't Stand Their Stuckupness and Fell.

Snow was a little late in putting in an appearance in Bethel this season, but when it did come it stuck closer than a brother, and stuck to everything in sight until everything was out of sight and everything became a pretty sight to look at, for if you saw the trees and electric and telephone wires under the glitter of the incandescents at 10 o'clock, Tuesday night, you saw one of the prettiest sights that you have ever seen in pretty Bethel with all of its pretty surroundings and pretty (?) people.

But the trouble was, the telephone and electric wires got so stuck up over their appearance or at least under their appearance that they couldn't stand the pressure and they simply "busted." The light wires were less affected than the telephone wires: there were but few breaks and the current was on in most locations by 10 a. m., but the telephone service in the village was badly upset. The corner pole at the foot of the common came down with its numerous wires running in different directions throughout the village, and it required the entire day, Wednesday, to get even the principal lines into commission.

MIDLE, SCALAR, NATIVE OF PARIS,

Leading Soprano in French Opera at New Orleans.

Miss Minnie Plummer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Plummer of South Paris, well known in the musical world as Middle, Scalar, is leading soprano in French opera at New Orleans. The opera season began November 22nd and will continue 3 months.

This is the first time in the history of French opera in New Orleans that the leading soprano has been an American. Middle, Scalar has been in Europe a number of years and arrived in New Orleans, November 10th.

WEDDING BELLS.

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated on Tuesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett, when their daughter, Miss Erva M. C. was united in marriage to Mr. George Vernon Greene of Shelburne, N. H.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. L. Banghart, the single ring service being used. The bride and groom were attended by Esther and Laura Tyler, (niece and nephew of the bride) and stood before a beautiful bank of evergreen and potted plants.

The bride was very becomingly gowned in a dark blue wool dress with pretty trimmings of silk gimpes and all over lace and carried a large bunch of bride's roses and ferns. The attendants carried roses.

The groom wore the conventional suit of black. After congratulations, delicious refreshments of huckleberry ice cream and fancy cakes were served. The Misses Elva and Grace Kendall and Florence Billings (niece of the bride) assisted in the serving.

The presents of cash, silver, linen, china, etc. were numerous and beautiful—being a nice gold locket and chain, the gift of the groom to the bride.

There were about 25 guests present. The out of town relatives were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. George of Shelburne, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Carr of Yarmouth, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Greene of Bethel, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Rumford and Mr. and Mrs. Rice of Readfield, Me.

As the happy party went to the station to take the evening train, other friends gathered and there was a plentiful supply of rice, cornstarch, etc., which was plentifully showered upon the young couple. The train unfortunately being over an hour late, giving an unusual opportunity to the friends, who hurried to its train. Finally, the longed-for train arrived and the party started for Bethel, Bethel and vicinity, where they will spend some days, after which they will return to Portland, Me., where they will take up their abode. Many kind wishes go with them.

BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR

Town of Rumford Discussed at Business Men's Club.

On Monday evening the Business Men held a meeting at their club rooms for discussing the question of better school facilities for the town of Rumford. A question which is of the utmost interest to all of us.

Judge A. E. Stearns was chosen as chairman of the meeting. It was a very informal meeting, in which the business men got together to talk this matter over in a cool and collected manner. W. S. N. Ellingwood, Supt. of the public schools was called upon to state his views as to what the town needed for a school building to overcome the already excessive crowding in the lower grades. Mr. Ellingwood spoke in a clear and concise way and stated that according to his opinion the town needed a new high school, he gave his reasons for so thinking and upon the conclusion of his remarks Rev. E. B. Barber arose and said that while he did not oppose the idea of a new high school it seemed to him that a building which could be used for the grammar grades was more needed by the town at the present time. After Mr. Barber had stated the facts as he saw them, the subject was freely discussed by all the members present. It was finally thought by the club that the committee appointed at the last town meeting to procure plans and specifications for a new school building, consisting of Mr. Ellingwood, Mr. Smith, the principal of the high school and the school board, should make their report before the March meeting so that action could be taken and operations begun earlier on the building, in order that the building might be ready for occupation by Sept. 1st, 1911.

Upon the question being put to the vote of the club whether the building should be a high or grammar school building and also the cost of the said building, it was decided that a new high school should be erected and that it should not cost, exclusive of the lot and furnishings, over \$30,000.

ONE OF THE COMING EVENTS

At Rumford. The Ladies Club Fair.

One of the coming events of next week which is of interest to everyone getting ready to do their Christmas shopping is the fair to be held by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 6th at the Mainland store, Rumford. Useful and fancy articles of every description will be on sale, also "The Dolls Bazaar" will be of interest to the children, let them come and bring their dollies and they will soon find something that will be suited to their need, among the useful or fancy articles. Fancy dishes refreshments will be served afternoon and evening and supper, consisting of cold ham, mashed potatoes, beans, home-made bread, hot rolls, cake, pie, doughnuts and coffee, will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock.

The various committees having the affair in charge are as follows: Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Parker in charge of the fair. Fancy articles and Dolls Bazaar—Meadames Ames, Ellingwood, Pettigall and Day.

Fancy aprons; Meadames Latham, Levey, Craig and Lapham. Kitchen aprons, Meadames Simpson, Morse, Allen, F. Kelle and Worthingley. Five and ten cent table, Meadames Gooding, Woodman, Danham, Sparks and Peabody.

Candy table, Miss Pettigall, Mrs. F. B. Bates, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Elsie Stephens.

Chaffing dish refreshments, Mrs. Walter Kelle and Miss Carson. Supper, Mrs. Bartlett, Parker, Harris, Wheat, Bartlett, Ferguson, French and Young.

Ladies Must Not Read. If there's anything worse a woman, it's something the world not to know, but you bet she will find it out somehow. If she gets the least hint of a show. Now we'll wager the world is a terrible thing. The poem she has already read. We know she's not at it now. If she had to stand on her head.

THANKSGIVING NOTES.

How Bethel People Entertained and Were Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hastings entertained Mrs. Agnes Straw.

Mr. David Blake of Locke Mills dined with his sisters, Mrs. Ellen Chandler and Miss Blake.

Mrs. Mary Needham was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Durkee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jordan and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dean and Miss Annie's Gross entertained their brother, Mr. Ezra Gross and wife, and sister, Mrs. Hamlin and daughter, Miss Annie Hamlin of Berlin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stowell spent the day with Mrs. Stowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farrar, in Hanover.

Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis and Guy Davis were guests of Mr. C. A. Lucas.

Mrs. N. Lowe and sons, Allison and Clyde and Mr. Currie Wiles of Norway dined with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowe.

Mrs. W. H. Young and son, Ralph spent the day with relatives in Norway.

Mrs. Wm. Hastings dined with his brother, Mr. T. F. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings spent the day with Mrs. Hastings brother, J. G. Roberts in Hanover.

Mr. Frank Robertson was up from Portland and spent a day with friends in Bethel.

Miss Mary Chapman dined with Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick.

Mr. Seth Walker and Mr. Ernest Walker went to Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hawley of Mechanic Falls were entertained by Mr. Hawley's brother, Mr. Wm. Kendall, and wife.

Mr. Albert Emms was the guest of his father, Mr. Wm. Emms.

Mr. E. G. Vandenberghe and family were guests of his brother, Mr. A. Van Den Kerckhoven and family.

Mrs. Agnes Ames and Mrs. Alice Farwell dined with Miss L. M. Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter French of Portland and Miss Lucy Fox.

Mr. Everett Winslow of Bowdoin was the guest of the Misses Gibson.

Dr. Chas. Stuart of Bangsley was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Packard.

Mr. Chas. Ames of Gorham, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cushman and daughter, Helen, dined with Mr. E. L. Arno and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hazard and children of Bethel, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson and children were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hearn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall entertained the latter's mother and brother of South Paris.

Mr. Gerd Twaddle of Hebron spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddle.

Mr. Philip Chapman was home from Hebron for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson Finney and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cowan of Rumford were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Bradbury at their home in Norway.

Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian were guests of relatives in Milan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Chesley and son, Bernard of West Milan, N. H., spent Thanksgiving and week end with their daughter and sister, Mrs. D. H. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nelson spent the day with relatives in North Newry.

Mrs. Effie Anderson entertained her sister, Miss Ida Hamilton and brother.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 5,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks, 50c.

PINK AND GREEN TOURMA Lines—Very fine and for sale very cheap. Inquire of HARRY DUDLEY, Buckfield, Me.

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FOR SALE—7 H. P. Fairbanks gasoline engine in first class condition. Also 75 light dynamo, 5 h. p. motor and 1-2 h. p. motor. Any or all will be sold at a bargain. Address, E. C. Bowler, Bethel, Maine.

SECOND HAND BELENAP WATER MOTOR at a bargain. Will develop 3 h. p. at 80 pounds pressure. Inquire at Citizen Office Bethel, Me.

175 ACRE FARM. 50 acres in fields, balance in pasture and soft wood. Cuts 50 tons of hay. Good set of farm buildings, consisting of house, oil shed and 70 foot barn, all connected. Another new barn that will hold 30 tons of hay. Cellar under each barn. Excellent wells with pump in sink. 100 ft. soft wood lumber with quantities of smaller soft wood. Hard wood, also fruit trees enough for home use. In order to realize quick sale this property is placed at \$2500. Part cash, balance easy terms. Inquire of E. C. BOWLER, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE. Collie pups, sable and white, males, \$5.00, females, \$4.00, spayed, \$3.00. H. N. Head, West Bethel, Maine. Post Office, Bethel, R. F. D. 2. 10-20-1-1.

FOR SALE—1 Brown Mare not afraid of automobiles and perfectly safe for women or children to drive. Inquire of MARTHA E. BARTLETT, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE—second hand engines from one and a half to twenty-five horse power. Inquire of C. L. DAVIS, Bethel, Me. 11-17-1-1.

SPANISH PUPPIES—for sale, price five dollars. Inquire of C. F. BRAW, Bethel, Me. 11-24-1-1.

WANTED—The people of Bethel to know that I shall run H. B. Stanley's slaughter house this season and will call and get hogs or pigs, butcher them and bring them back for \$1.50 each. Inquire of H. M. OSGOOD, Bethel, Me. 11-24-1-1.

FOR SALE—A pair of horses, well estimated, weight 2200, 6 years old, smooth and sound. M. W. HASTINGS, North Bethel, Me. 11-23-1-1.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. A. L. BACON OF W. PARIS.

Mrs. Annie Brooks, wife of Augustus L. Bacon died very suddenly from heart disease, Friday evening. Mrs. Bacon had not been well the past year, but had been able to be about her home work during the day and complained only of feeling tired when she retired; a few moments later she called for water and arising from the bed she came to a room below where she expired half an hour later. She was fifty-four years old and had lived in West Paris more than thirty-five years, where she has always been held in high esteem. Her husband and five children, Julia, wife of A. B. Perkins, Carroll A. Ralph, Hazel and Clara all at West Paris survive her, also three sisters, Mrs. Phila Skedd, Mrs. Clara Hyder of West Paris, Mrs. Kittie Swan and two brothers, Warren of West Paris and Prescott of Paris Hill. The funeral was held from the First Universalist Church, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28. H. H. May of East Hiram, Me. officiating. There was a large amount of beautiful flowers.

CANTORIA. The best for your eyes. See the Spectacles.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. W. H. Young was in Portland, Saturday.

Friends re-opened Monday in the brick building.

Mr. Arthur Bunting was in Bethel, Wednesday morning.

Mr. P. B. Partridge, Station Agent, is gaining rapidly.

Mr. Nelson Austin of Hanover was in Bethel, Monday.

Mrs. Annie Willey is confined to the house by illness.

Mrs. Harry King and children have returned from Boston.

Mr. T. F. Hastings has been spending a few days in Portland.

Mr. Alton Adams of Hingham was in Bethel, Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Kelly of Joppatowne is visiting at Irving Street's.

Mrs. Bertha returned from Canton last week, and is quite ill.

Mr. Anna Dudley of Bryant's Pond was in Bethel, Monday.

Mr. W. H. Deane has been quite ill for the past few days.

Mr. E. L. Brown spent a few days at his home in Norway last week.

Mr. Winbury and family returned to their home in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday.

Mr. O. H. Brown of Augusta spent a few days with friends in Bethel last week.

Mr. Charles Kimball has been confined to the house by illness.

Friends are pleased to hear that Wade Thurston is able to leave his room.

The Ladies Club will meet with Mrs. J. U. Partridge, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. Clifford Lord and son, Vivian, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spearin over Sunday.

Mr. Harry Duval is having a two weeks vacation from his work at Prospect Hotel.

Mrs. Elva Randall has returned to her school in Greenwood City after a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Susan King and Nellie Cahoon are working in Mr. Edw. King's store during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Edwards spent a few days with relatives at Bar Mills, recently.

The Ladies' Home Missionary meeting will be at Mrs. H. C. Andrews on Thursday afternoon.

Harry Reed is spending a part of his vacation at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Bartlett, Hanover.

Mrs. Wm. Lewis returned from Nova Scotia last week, where she has been visiting relatives.

Friends of Mrs. Adelbert Stearns are sorry to learn that she is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. A. Millican York has returned to Bethel after visiting in Maine and Massachusetts.

Mrs. Vesta Rose spent Thanksgiving at Tilden Burke's.

The Christmas Sale and Chicken Pie Supper will be held in Garland Chapel, Thursday afternoon and evening.

Very much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chapman in the death of their beautiful little son.

Mr. John Swan is making rapid recovery from his operation and will soon be upon the street again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Coolidge and two daughters spent Thanksgiving at Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Rich's.

Mrs. Bergquist, Mrs. Donahoe and Miss Bertha Donahoe of Berlin, N. H., are visiting at Mr. Tilden Burke's.

Miss Clara Love accompanied her cousin to his home in Norway, Tuesday, and will spend a few days there.

Miss Ella Barner went to the Maine General Hospital, Portland, last Friday, where she underwent an operation on her throat.

Mrs. M. D. Sturtevant starts for Imperial, Calif., this week to visit her mother, Mrs. H. E. Grover, who has been quite ill.

Master Clarence Coffin and Master Leland Coffin of Milan, N. H., are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin.

Mrs. Eliza Chase who has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Herrick, returned to her home in Bethel, Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Young went to Dr. King's Hospital in Portland last Friday, where she underwent an operation. All are pleased to learn that she is doing well.

The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Chase of Middleboro in the sad bereavement that has come to their home in the death of their only son, Willis.

Mrs. A. E. Vall is on the sick list.

Clarence McDonald spent Thanksgiving in Newry.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poole is ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. Nettie Thompson visited in Newry with her sister since Friday, but was called home by the illness of her mother.

Miss Vivian Dingley, who is teaching in the Norway schools spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Bowler.

Hollis Coolidge went to Norway and purchased a pair of western horses, which his father will team for a while at the "Dog."

The annual election of officers of Parity Chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7. All members are kindly requested to be present.

Mr. Chester H. Dean of New York, who is employed in the bridge construction department of the Erie railroad had his Thanksgiving vacation cut short by sickness of one of the assistants and was called back to the office the first of the week.

On Friday evening, Nov. 19th the adult members of the N. S. of the M. E. Church held a Contest Social at the parsonage. A program of games, music was enjoyed after which refreshments of coffee, cocoa, cakes and cookies were served. The evening was much enjoyed by the goodly number present.

On Friday evening, Dec. 2nd the final social of the S. S. Contest will be held at the Grange Hall, where every member of the S. S., both old and young are cordially invited to be present. A program of music, games, etc., will be provided, after which refreshments will be served. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken to help defray the Contest expenses.

Christmas! Christmas!

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Mr. Sampson of Norway was in Bethel last week.

Dr. Edson Baker spent Sunday with his parents and left for Boston, Monday morning.

Mrs. Jameson Finney was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cowan in Rumford a few days last week.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the tenth day of January, 1911, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Bethel, Maine, Nov. 30, 1910.
Ellery C. Park, Cashier.

CASTORIA.
The Kid You Have Always Bought
Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

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THE LARGEST, MOST VARIED AND MOST CAREFULLY
SELECTED CHRISTMAS STOCK

Only 21 Shopping
Days Before Xmas

This Store Has Ever Shown, Now Awaits You. Whether you intend buying or not, I want every reader of this who can possibly call, to do so and see the display.

Some entirely new lines, many of the latest ideas the city markets are offering, and exceptional values in other goods are here to help make the largest December business this store has ever done. Large as past years have been, I determined this year to eclipse all records on volume of sales, and if good values, fair prices, fresh, clean, up-to-date stock and right treatment will produce that result, I feel sure of record breaking business.

Space forbids mention of all suitable gifts but below are a few suggestions.

WATCHES.

Ladies', gentlemen's, boys' and girls' watches. A pleasing gift.

Nickel watches, \$1.00 up

Silver watches, 6.00 up

Gold filled watches, 10.00 up

CHAINS.

Gentlemen's vest chains, 50c to \$4.00.

Ladies' fob chains, 50c to \$2.00.

Eye glass chains, 40c. to \$2.00.

Boys' watch chains, 10c to \$1.00.

BRACELETS.

The newest joint and over popular current adjustable bracelets are popular gifts, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

THIMBLES.

Gold band and silver thimbles are useful gifts. Light, medium and heavy weights, 25c to \$1.00.

RINGS.

Diamonds, pearls, opals and other stones in many styles of ladies' rings. For a lady or Miss a ring is nearly always attractive and pleasing.

Every ring solid gold and fully guaranteed, \$1.50 to \$100.00.

Babies' and children's rings, many patterns. Solid gold, 75c to \$2.00.

Gentlemen's and boys' rings in cartouches, canoes, signs, etc., \$2.00 to \$8.00.

LOCKETS.

Are selling as fast as ever. I know the quality of my lockets, and am sure they will please, 75c to \$5.00.

PENS.

Silk and all metal fobs, many patterns, 50c to \$3.00.

FOUNTAIN PENS.

For anyone who writes a fountain pen is a convenience, to many a necessity. Over 100 pens to select from.

Waterman's Ideal, Parker's Lucky Curve, Crocker Self-filler, and other makes. Every pen warranted and exchanged if not satisfactory, 50c to \$8.00.

MAINE GEMS.

Native Maine gems, as pretty as any ever mined, make attractive and unique gifts.

White Topaz, Tourmaline, Amethyst, Garnets, etc., can be set in rings, scarf pins, brooches, etc. Priced according to size and quality. 25c to \$25.00.

CHINA.

Old Ivory, Japanese and other china in many useful articles, 10c to \$6.75.

SCARF PINS.

Solid gold, plated, filled and sterling pins, plain and stone set, 25c to \$10.00.

BROOCHES.

Solid gold, diamond set brooches, down to attractive little patterns at 25c. Our line has many pretty pins, 25c to \$17.50.

CUFF LINKS.

Silver, pearl, plated, filled and solid gold for ladies and gentlemen, 40c to \$7.50.

EMBROIDERY MATERIALS.

Just received, a stock of the latest in pillows, center-piece doilies, ties, tray cloths, tea cloths, bags, collar boxes, jabots, etc., in linen, crash and canvas. Line of the celebrated Salter's embroidery silk.

CUFF AND COLLAR PINS.

Always useful to ladies, gold and plate, 25c to \$2.50.

PICTURES.

The best line of pictures ever shown in Bethel. Over 200 of Bethel's lovely views, in hand-colored photographs, in frames or not, 25c to \$2.00.

Soule's celebrated reproductions from famous paintings and other pictures, 25c to \$5.50. Good line of 10c pictures and mottoes.

TOYS.

Be sure to bring the little ones to see the many new and interesting toys. Mechanical toys that do many funny things, 25c to \$1.50.

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Oliver late of Bethel in the County
of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds
as the law directs. All persons hav-
ing demands against the estate of said
deceased are desired to present the
same for settlement, and all indebted
therein are requested to make payment
immediately.
ARLETTA J. OLIVER.
November 15th, 1910.
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NEWRY.
There was a good attendance at the
dance at North Newry, last Thursday
night.
Percy Taylor was at the farm a few
days, hunting, but without success.
Arthur Douglas from Bethel was at
his brother's, last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stearns from Bethel
were at Walter Foster's, last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wight from
Hallowell were in town last Sunday.
Mrs. Thornton went back to Hallowell
last Sunday.

HEART THRILLING GEMS.

KEEP PEGGING AWAY.

There's a maxim that's true,
And I'll tell it to you,
All pensive young fellows,
Who sometimes get blue;
When the clouds gather fast
Till they darken the day,
Pray don't get discouraged—
Keep pegging away!

There is sunshine above,
Though it sometimes looks black;
There's an ocean of blue sky
Above the cloud rack;
Through the showers of springtime
Comes forth smiling May;
So don't get discouraged—
Keep pegging away!

It was care killed a cat
In the days that are down;
And he's blind as a bat
Who sits down to bemoan.
Be blithe and be cheerful,
Light-hearted and gay,
And don't get discouraged—
Keep pegging away!

And if in this process
You chance to get out
Why, meet your fate bravely,
With heart good and stout;
And when all is ended
The angels will say:
You did your work nobly—
Kept pegging away.

EXPERIENCE.

Hope fulfilled, I sought to find
In my life-path dimly lined,
For I thought I saw it wind
Clearly through,
But the long, long years have taught me,
By the sorrow they have brought me,
That my way and God's were two.

In my youth, life dreams were bright
With no tinge of shadow-bligh
Bringing in its dreary night
Care and woe;
But the happy youthful dreaming,
Was alas too fond a seeming,
To be realized below.

In the mingled doubts and fears,
In the misty rain of tears,
Falling through the weary years,
I have found—
Not the bright and sweet ideal,
But the strong and bitter real,
With the present measured round.

How the seeming good and ill,
Of our living shall fulfil
His own tender loving will,
It not shown.
Happy hopes are ever fleeting,
Life ideals lack completing,
And the meaning is unknown.

But from all the bitter-sweet
Of a life work incomplete,
In my heart this lesson meet
Is enshrined—
God His finite place doth fashion,
With an infinite compassion,
And a purpose ever kind.

Though we may not lift the screen,
From the mysteries unseen,
And the mystic bond between
Life and death;
Yet God willeth, and God knoweth,
All His love around us floweth,
And the key of life is faith.

Maria Upham Drake
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FIFTY-FIVE AND TWENTY-TWO.

By ALLEN JOHNSON

The game hasn't changed, I reckon,
as much since the long ago.
A hit is a hit, as then, and a run is
a run, I know;
But a change there is, and I feel it,
for the thrill is a thing long dead,
And while in the days long gone I
cherished, I am silent now instead.

And yet I can hear the cheering, and
the benches wild with joy,
For the game is close, and I hear
them shout, "Go on, you can do
it, boys!"
A hit then answers the cheering, and
the ball sails over the fence;
The game is won by a single score,
and the rosters cry out, "Im-
mensities!"

The players are smiling, happy, and the
crowd is a thrill with glee,
But the bliss I feel is in that I see
in the way who claps my knee;
His face is a light with laughter and a
joy that few can know,
When youth has fled from the heart
that yearns for the days of long
ago.

And now do I know the reason, and
now can I plainly see,
That the game's the same as in days
of yore, and the change is shown in
me;
For the years in their passing have

dulled me, as the passing of years
will do,
And it's never the same at fifty-five
as at joyous twenty-two.

But the bliss of the boy beside me is a
joy I would not yield
For the old-time thrill that I used to
feel at deeds on the base ball field;
That's why I am still a "rooter"—will
be till I "steal" above—
For the bliss I lost I have found
again, in the joy of those I love.

NIGHT.

Within the shelter of thy calm, O
Night,
I loose the tinselled vestures of the
day,
With eager hands unbind and fling
away
The cap and bells that made the
crowd's delight,
The shallow mask that screened me
from their sight,
Deep in thy healing silence I lay
My bruised and fettered soul, that
doth but pray
To be encompassed by the infinite.

Receive my tears, O Night, and with
thy space—
Thy unimpassioned vastness, cover
me,
O make me know my natural, lowly
place,
Become a child once more, obedient,
free,
Until, forgetting self, I find the mood
Of large things, wrapped in my mag-
nitude.

Helen A. Saxon.

LOCKE'S MILLS.
Mrs. Lena Rand has closed her house
and gone to Gardiner to care for her
sister, who is quite ill.

W. H. Crockett was in Norway, Sat-
urday, on business.

Late Lapham and family of Rumford
Falls spent Thanksgiving with Mrs.
Lapham's mother and sister, Mrs. E. P.
Farrington.

Gwendolyn Stearns of Bethel called on
Mrs. E. L. Tebbetts, Saturday.

E. P. Farrington made a business
trip to Mechanic Falls, Saturday.

Miss Engelman spent Thanksgiving
at her home in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swift enter-
tained Mr. and Mrs. Brewster of An-
dover, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rand and
son, Eben, Mrs. Lena Rand, Mrs. Lizette
Demond, Mrs. Ann Libby and Harry
Swift and children to Thanksgiving
dinner.

Walter Curtis spent Thanksgiving at
his home at Curtis' Corner.

Mrs. Emma Fiske was in Norway,
shopping, Friday.

Lorna Littlehale and her sister from
Andover were at their home in Newry,
Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Turrell of Woodstock
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WEST BETHEL.

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George Bennett was in Bethel one
day last week.

Walter Dennison and family of South
Paris spent Thanksgiving with his par-
ents, H. P. Dennison and wife.

Charles Scribner of Lewiston visited
his parents one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie of Man-
um are rejoicing over the birth of a
baby girl born the 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mills of Port-
land spent Sunday with their parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mills.

Mrs. Clara Abbott and two sons,
Carol and Byron spent Thanksgiving
in Norway.

Fred Ordway and sister, Mrs. Celia
Bell attended the funeral of their cousin,
Samuel Ordway in Berlin, Sunday.

Miss Isabel Somes has returned to
her home in Haverhill, Mass.

Harry Mills and family of Gorham,
N. H., spent Thanksgiving with his
parents, Dexter Mills and wife.

C. E. Briggs returned to his home in
South Paris, last Wednesday.

Guy Morgan and wife of Bethel
were at Mrs. Morgan's parents, Joe
Swett's one day last week.

Mrs. Eugene Martin and daughter
of Bethel spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. George Harding and wife.

On account of the death of Mrs.
Cupitt's father, Mr. Cupitt was unable
to attend Church, Sunday, but Rev.
Mr. Tuttle of Pownall, supplied.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tyler have
the sympathy of the entire community
in the loss of their dear little daugh-
ter, Mary Helen.

Mr. Charlie Dennison and wife left
Sunday afternoon for Auburn, Ind.

Mr. George Records of Backfield
visited Seth Mason, over Sunday.

E. J. Bell was in Bethel one day last
week.

School opened again Monday, after
two weeks vacation, and we are pleased
to say with the same teacher, Miss
Minnie Wilson.

MAGALLOWAY PLANTATION.
George York is driving Wallace
McDonald's cement team.

Mr. Lewis H. Coy and Miss Alvora L.
Plint of Westworth's location were
married Thanksgiving Day at the home
of the bride.

Whisper Linnell had the misfortune
of dropping a part of his sawing ma-
chine onto his foot and breaking bones
in it, about a week ago, but is getting
along very well now.

Wallace, the small child of Allen
Linnell was thrown from a load of hay
and broke a bone in his arm below
the elbow.

Peter Littlehale and family of Wal-
ton's Mills called at Lewis Linnell's,
Sunday.

Edna Plint is working for W. W.
Linnell.

Mrs. Stella Linnell, formerly
of this place, died at her home in
Wallace's Mills, Monday, November 21st,
after a week's illness. She slipped
and was struck on a rock injuring her
right ankle which was the cause of
her death. She was a great sufferer the
last few days of her being. Her son
was not at the Wallace's Mills
place, Wednesday, with a large atten-
dant and a very beautiful display of
flowers, with music and a perfect feast
prepared, there being a very large
number of friends to mourn her loss.

We and Mrs. Ellen Linnell of
Bethel, N. H. were in town last
week to attend the funeral of their
daughter Mrs. Lena Stearns.

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RUMFORD.

D. C. Murray spent Sunday in Lewiston.

Miss Lena Felt spent Sunday at her home at Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stratton returned Monday from Houghton.

Chester Stanley of Dixfield was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

Henry Carroll spent Thanksgiving at his home in Portland.

Mrs. Nettie Hawkes spent Sunday with her parents at Westbrook.

Mrs. Albach returned home Friday, after visiting friends in Berlin.

Miss Nina Hart of Hebron Academy was the guest of Mrs. Frank Rawley for the week end.

Ed Cobb and John Orino left Saturday for a hunting trip which will extend to the Canadian line.

Geo. Routh returned to town on Friday, after spending Thanksgiving with his family at Livermore.

The line crew of the Maine Tel. and Tel. Co. left Monday to do some work at Readfield.

Mr. Slater, Supt. of the International Paper Co.'s mill at Fort Edward, N. Y., was in town over Sunday.

Spaulding Blaise of Colby College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bisbee.

Miss Ethel Skillings of Turner returned to town Saturday, after a brief visit with her parents.

Hal Stanwood of Portland, was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stanwood, over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Warhurst returned the first of the week from a visit with friends in Manchester, N. H.

Miss Minnie Murphy of Lewiston, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. J. McCoy for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irish returned, Friday, from spending Thanksgiving with Mr. Irish's parents in Backfield.

Mrs. M. L. Griffin returned the first of the week from a two weeks visit with friends in Springfield, Mass.

E. L. Lovejoy, with several friends, visited Friday for a short hunting trip at the South Arm.

A. E. Morrison and wife of Bangor were guests of their son, Bobby Morrison, and wife over Thanksgiving.

Miss Charlotte French returned, Monday, from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Chandler of Williamsport, Penn.

Miss Caroline Mox and two young friends of her home, spent the week end with Miss Mox's sister, Mr. Mox.

Miss Nettie Jackson and children were the guests of Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Brown of Livermore for two days last week.

V. A. Linnell spent Monday in Lewiston.

Philip B. Pottle returned Friday from a trip to Lewiston, where he was the guest of his parents.

Geo. Brown spent Thanksgiving at Camden, returning Friday to town, accompanied by his wife.

E. P. McCarthy formerly of this place but now located at Wilder, Vermont, was in town the last of the week.

Ray Harris and Robert Clunig of Exeter returned Friday to their school, after having spent Thanksgiving with their parents.

The Altogether Club was entertained by Miss Elizabeth Quade, at her home on Hancock St., and a most delightful time was passed.

On Friday night there will be a sale, followed by a baked bean supper at the Virginia Chapel. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

N. G. Foster returned Monday from a hunting trip in Veld, bringing with him a fine buck, which he shot the first day he was out.

Harry Garcelon of Dixfield was before Judge Stearns on Monday morning on a charge of shooting a gray squirrel and was fined twenty dollars.

Miss Molly Hecock and Mr. and Mrs. Hecock of Phillips, returned to their home Saturday, after spending several days with Dr. and Mrs. Sheehy.

Mrs. Sidney Littlefield returned to her home at No. Abington, Mass., Saturday after having been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. L. Elliott.

R. T. Parker and M. McCarthy went Monday to attend the hearing at Augusta, before Judge Savage, in the pardon case of Mrs. Georgiana Potvin.

Miss Catherine Hassett returned, Sunday, to her studies at St. Joseph's Academy, Bangor, after having spent the holiday with her sister, Miss Anna Hassett.

Miss Mary Brauer, a composer of the Rumford Falls Almshouse, has accepted a position on the Lewiston Sun, and went there Saturday to begin her duties.

Mrs. Susan Langley and Master Jack and Miss Marion Langley returned, Monday from a trip to Livermore, where they were the guests of Mrs. Langley's sister, Mrs. Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw and family and Mrs. Emma Hatcher returned, Monday, from spending Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shaw.

In court, Monday morning, Chas. Stetson and John Gendron were arraigned on charges of larceny. Stetson was sentenced to thirty days and Gendron to three months and four weeks to be paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown spent Thanksgiving at Mrs. Brown's home in Shelburne. Mr. Brown returned home Friday, but Mrs. Brown is spending the week at her old home.

The Young People's Club met last Friday at Hotel Rumford and the subject under discussion was "The Labor Situation and its solution." Mr. James Blaisdell was the speaker of the evening and a most interesting meeting was enjoyed and the labor question discussed fully.

On Sunday night at the meeting of the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church a very pleasing feature was added, and orchestra composed of Miss Mattie Swain, Louis Irish and Ernest Howe furnished music, which was much enjoyed by those present and a great help as an accompaniment to the singing. It is understood that this orchestra is to play every Sunday evening from now on.

DIXFIELD ITEMS.

The Happenings of the Week as gathered by the Citizen Reporter.

The Bible Study and teacher's training class for Sunday school work, will meet one evening each week through the month of Dec. at the home of Mrs. March. The meeting this week will be held this Thursday evening.

Two games of basket ball will be played at Tuscan Opera House, Friday evening of this week, between the girls and boys teams of the Mexico and Dixfield High Schools.

Miss Sarah Ladd of Berry Mills is at work for Mrs. Orson Faine.

Dixfield was without the electric lights a few evenings the first of the week, on account of the breaking of some part of the dynamo. Our blessings and privileges are sometimes better appreciated if denied for a time.

Mr. Humphrey Eastis who has been visiting relatives and friends in town left Monday, of last week for his home in Minneapolis, his sister, Mrs. Mary Greenleaf accompanied him as far as Boston and remained with relatives over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robert and daughter, of Somerville, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Towle of Rumford were guests at the home of J. J. Towle, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Marble are visiting Mrs. Marble's parent's Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Yettin.

Among the pleasant gatherings on Thanksgiving Day was the one held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Marble, where twelve of their relatives and friends enjoyed a bounteous dinner and their kind hospitality. There were several reunions of families held throughout the town and gatherings of friends, which were greatly enjoyed.

The service at the Universalist church Thursday, p. m. was greatly appreciated by all present. The subject of discourse, "To be truly thankful for our many blessings."

A very pleasant entertainment was enjoyed Wednesday evening at the session of Welcome Rebekah Lodge after the regular work of the order. A visitor from Hope Lodge was present.

Prof. M. T. Goodrich, Miss Knight and Miss Drering, teachers of Dixfield High School spent Thanksgiving at their homes. Mrs. Harmon was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gates for the day.

Mrs. Olive Paine spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fogg at South Hartford.

Much to the regret of the officers and members of Mount Zion Chapter, No. 100, O. E. S. of Dixfield, was unable to meet with them Thursday evening of this week, for invitation extended on one of the officers of the chapter.

Miss Shirley Holt and her sister, Miss Phillips were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holt, the past week.

Mrs. F. M. French of Phillips was in town Sunday of this week, for a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. F. Holt, Thanksgiving Day and Monday over Sunday.

W. C. Hartman spent Thanksgiving at his home in Dixfield, where he was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman.

Mrs. H. W. Smith returned Monday from a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. J. Smith, at her home in Bangor.

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supplied the pulpit at the Universalist Church, Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. E. Gaskin, who was in Gardiner for the day. Mr. Hodkins gave a very interesting discourse from the pulpit. "What should be the pleasures of the Christian."

Mrs. W. H. Small and Mr. Geo. Hubbard were chosen delegates to represent the F. B. Society, at the union meeting of the Oldfield Quarterly Conference and the Baptist Conference held at Canton, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The mid-week prayer circle of the F. B. society was held at the home of Mr. Geo. Walters, Monday evening of this week.

Miss Gertrude Berry of Berry Mills is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ada E. March.

CANTON HAPPENINGS

As Observed and Told by the Citizen Reporter.

G. W. Moore has been visiting his granddaughter, Ruth Moore of Pittsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert entertained Miss Maud Douglass of Paris, Miss Lila Gilbert of Lewiston and R. N. Gilbert and family of Hallowville on Thanksgiving Day.

Leietta Russell is at home from Lewiston for a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Ralph Riley of Livermore Falls has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marston of Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Aud Russell have moved to Topsham.

Bert Dodge shot a deer, Saturday, near Meadowview.

Mrs. W. B. Packard and friend visited at Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ray are visiting in Boston.

Miss Maud Douglass returned to Paris, Monday.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson went to Lewiston, Monday.

Mrs. O. M. Richardson and daughter, Ruth are visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Towle of Rumford were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas over Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Bryant and two children of Gorham, N. H., who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fletcher, returned to her home, Monday.

Mrs. Adelbert Delano is visiting at Abbott.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swift has recovered from a recent illness.

Agnes Merrill went to Auburn, Saturday, and will have for Washington, N. H., Wednesday, for the winter.

Frank H. Cole of Bangor visited his mother, Mrs. M. B. Packard and family over Sunday.

F. F. Harding and family of Bangor are to move to the F. W. Allen farm at Hartford, N. H., where they will be engaged by the Boston Acorn.

Five thousand dollars have been placed in the hands of the family of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Packard and family of Livermore.

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RUMFORD, ME.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thompson of Auburn spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Philander Kilder.

Lila Phillips was at her home to entertain for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Barker and son, Albert have been visiting at East Auburn guests of relatives.

Jennie Adams was at home from Portland and Vera Adams from Farmington for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Will Jackson and family have moved to Hallowville, where the G. W. Galloway farm, which they recently purchased, is situated.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Adams is at work for a Mrs. George Perkins.

George Common killed a deer last week which weighed 240 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Newcomb and daughter of Canton have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Adams.

Mrs. H. H. Adams has been at home from her vacation for Thanksgiving.

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Miss Gurn Vinag spent Thanksgiving at her home in Jay.

Miss A. C. Bicknell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. O. Holt and family of Lewiston.

Eliza Stetson and family of Rumford spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stetson.

Ella Walker has been visiting at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gates and Miss Edith Ingerson were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parsons of Hartford, Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Elmer Bailey has returned from the C. M. O. Hospital and is improving in health.

Alvora Bryant has gone to Miami, Fla. for the winter.

Mrs. Robert Tilson has been a guest of R. C. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sampson have been visiting in Bangor.

Harold Oliver of East Bangor spent Thursday at his home in town.

Frank Dodge and family entertained Mrs. Angie Dodge and children, Thanksgiving.

Tina Dodge has returned home from Bangor, where she has been at work for the winter.

R. H. Carshaw returned from Bangor with two deer.

Mrs. Andrew March of Dixfield has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Eliza

Washburn.

Mrs. G. Hayford has returned from a visit in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Charles Reed of Livermore Falls has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Darlington.

Thanksgiving day was observed by Canton Grange, Saturday. A good dinner was served and a literary and musical program carried out. Remarks were made by Mrs. George E. L. Torrey of Bangor, A. J. Stoddard of Bangor and C. M. Richardson and W. W. Rose of Canton.

The Universalist church met at the home of Mrs. George E. L. Torrey of Bangor, Saturday evening.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they Join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide.

About Scolding.

It never does a bit of good. So much I have no hesitation in declaring with the emphasis of entire conviction. If you want to spoil a child's disposition, to harden his heart and confirm him in evil courses, then scold him. If you want to awaken in him the instant and irrepressible desire to aggravate and as trying as he can possibly be, scold him. There is no human being who can endure the constant patter and drip of a fault-finding tongue and not be the worse for it. Even if the victim be grown up, and so sweetly controlled that he or she can listen to the most unjust and bitter criticism, without any other return than that of patient silence, it does no good. It hurts both the person who utters habitually the harsh reproach and the words that burn and the other person, who is obliged to listen and take the storm as it comes.

My sympathies are always enlisted for two classes of people, who are presumed to be fit objects on whom to pour the vials of wrath, which the scold, male or female, keeps ready to hand—children and servants. The children born into a house where father or mother is accustomed to scold are greatly to be pitied. There they are, and there they must stay. Occasionally a boy becoming exasperated, and seeing no chance of any change for the better, runs away. It is very reprehensible, but a boy can go to sea, or find a niche for himself somewhere, where he may have to bear hunger or cold and blows, but nothing, after all, worse than an everlasting stream of depreciation and complaint. A girl, poor thing! must stay during her childhood, and often for years after, in the place where it pleased the Lord to put her. If she be forced to bear the old lecture and freezing chill of continual unkindness, she will develop into a cold, hard, cynical woman, of into a timid, shy, repressed one, who hardly dares call her soul her own, and will be ready to say "Yes thank you," to the first unfortuniate man who solicits her to marry him. Unfortunate, indeed, for there is no style of woman so likely to become either a tyrant or a fool as the woman who, during her girlhood, was a coward and a slave.

Scolds are popularly supposed to belong to one sex. In poetry and fiction, it is the woman whose uncontrolled because of speech is the misery of everybody around her. Solomon, who enjoyed a wide acquaintance with woman-kind, and must have had opportunities for knowing the faults as well as the virtues of his fair friends, left his opinion on record in no uncertain terms. "Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife." "It is better to dwell in a corner of the house top than with a hawling woman in a wide house." None of the sacred writers, by the way have paid higher and more earnest testimony to the essential nobility of good and gentle women than the post-preacher, who made silver as stones in Jerusalem.

He the mass of painted assemblage what it will, the experience of the world proves that men can scold as bitterly and as unjustly as women. There is always some tender woman to excuse the shortcomings of a man, even mother, or wife, or sister, or daughter, who puts in her gentle "oh's" and "ah's" and "my dears," like sticks to stay the progress of a torrent, when a man gives way to temper. And around him she folds the mantle of her soft excuses, thinks of his headaches, of his nerves, or his tight shoes, or the dinner he ate that did not agree with him; and as for her own there prickles, she hides them under lace and velvet, and smiles her dearest or sweetest friend to see or expect them. That is what she does when she is loving and condescending, and, as with the other accusation, never revealed, that women have the monopoly of scolding. Now men scold and women scold. To scold is the impulse of undisciplined human nature, in which both men and women share. It shows weakness of character, as well as infirmity of will, and is almost always a complete demonstration of a feeble mind. A strong, well-balanced, cheerful, sunny make-up, mental and physical, has not to descend to vilification and offensive talking.

To cultivate a habit of seeing things to praise in everything, and not of tearing out things to condemn is desirable for us all. It greatly promotes our own comfort. It conduces to the happiness of those around us. It adds to our own faculty for enjoyment. Surely it is better to gather honey all the day from every sparkling flower than to go about with a long face, breaking and lamenting and making our friends wretched.

If we go to our lessons, we find woe-weariness.

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For Benefit of Women who Suffer from Female Ills



Minneapolis, Minn.—"I was a great sufferer from female troubles which caused a weakness and broken down condition of the system. I read so much of what Lydia E. Plinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for other suffering women I felt sure it would help me, and I must say it did help me wonderfully. My pains all left me, I grew stronger, and within three months I was a perfectly well woman."

"I want this letter made public to show the benefit women may derive from Lydia E. Plinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. J. M. MOORE, 2115 Second St., North, Minneapolis, Minn.

Thousands of unsolicited and genuine testimonials like the above prove the efficiency of Lydia E. Plinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made exclusively from roots and herbs. Women who suffer from those distressing ailments peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of these facts or doubt the ability of Lydia E. Plinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

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Habit weaves tremendous fetters. The man or woman who has drifted unconsciously under the sway of this evil one, will need philosophy, stern resolution, and prayer, to break from beneath its rule. But, from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, and if the heart be pure, full of good wishes and kind sympathies, the words, like those in the fairy tale, will be beautiful in their dropping as diamonds and pearls.—Margaret E. Sangster in Woman's Journal.

The Mother Who Laughs. There are many conscientious fathers and mothers who make themselves and their children miserable by taking youthful follies too seriously. It is an insane propensity of a child possessed of average good health and spirits to make older people laugh with him; not at him, but at the things that seem amusing to his own sense. And the mother who has the blithe and ready humor to enter into his fun becomes his most fascinating companion.

He needs her rebuke and heads to her correction without ill feeling, where sternness would arouse his pride and ire, for he is assured that she is ready to share all his innocent pranks, and that her disapproval has no foundation in impatience or injustice.

And when the day arrives that "childish things are put away," and the grown man and woman look backward to their early home with what a thrill of pleasure they say, when things happen. "Mother would appreciate this; she had the quickest sense of humor of any woman I ever saw!" And beneath these light words is the thought, "How happy that dear mother made me, and how I love her!"

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Thanksgiving guests were Elmer Roberts' family at Ernest Cutting's in Paris; N. E. Dwyer and family at H. D. Swallow's; Mrs. Georgia Warren and grandchildren, Frank Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ames Foster at F. E. Warren's; Mrs. Fannie Lathrop of West Sumner, and Mr. and Mrs. Mahony Mayhew at Mrs. J. E. Mayhew's; and I. D. Feller's family at F. E. Feller's. Frank Smith of Chittenden, Mass., has been visiting relatives here.

Alison Stetson spent Thanksgiving week at her uncle's in Burlington, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stetson were in Lewiston, last Friday.

The Thanksgiving Ball was attended by a large crowd and a fine time enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hemeny have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Hemeny and Mrs. H. E. Fidler in Vermont.

All schools in town except the High School, will close Dec. 2nd for arrival.



FOR DECEMBER.

Copyright 1910 by C. H. Rieth. Tom, Tom, the piper's son, Thought to steal another one, But when, with bacon 40 cents, He thought upon the consequence, In case he landed in the net, The lawyers he would have to hire To save him from the butcher's ire, The money Cuddey would spend To push it to the bitter end, The merciless concern of Swift To see he was not set adrift, The sum that Armour, if he died, Would offer for him live or dead, And how the unforgiving lust For vengeance would move the trust To make example of him last Some other piper's son protest Against pork chops at thirty flat, And pickled pigs' feet selling at Six-bits a dozen, souse a bit, And sausage even close to it— When Tom considered it, in brief, And also how much more a thief He would be this time than before, He wisely passed the butcher's door, Rejoiced that self had stood the test, And went on hoping for the best.

December is from the Latin decem, meaning ten. It was originally the tenth month of the year, but owing to the widespread unpreparedness for Christmas it has been shored along from time to time, until it occurs now as far back as we have been able to get it. Caesar, who was in the habit of making each of his soldiers some kind of a present, even suggested pushing it further along still and having about fifteen months in the year, but the Roman merchants protested that it was impossible to sell holiday goods except in very cold weather, and Brutus, Cassius and several other Roman business men finally stabbed him.

The custom of giving presents was originated by the Greeks, and they had such a faculty for getting the better of it when they exchanged presents with anyone that the expression "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts!" became historic. It was on a Christmas day when all the Greeks were showing what they had gotten and were laughing about it that Diogenes, who made a practice of criticizing the national faults in some amusing way, set out on his famous search for an honest man. The Persians one time resorted to arms in an effort to get their presents back. But they were badly defeated at the battle of Marathon, and no serious attempt to get presents back has ever been made from that time to this.

The colt will burrow in the stack, and the festive colt will arch his back and gambol at a fearful gait to make his ichor circulate. The hear will slumber in his bed and dream that Roosevelt is dead, and the Winter night will worry through with the wolf lying down the flue.

The wind will push against the door, and our old friend Boreas will roar and fill the Winter night and fall with samples of his college yell. The price of eggs will feel inclined to beat the mark for altitude, and butter will cavort around about two miles above the ground.

O happy man that has his hold stock ed up against the Winter's cold, and has no urgent need to seek new many storms may sweep his deck. Who has his copper-bulging kiosk and all things ship-shape in and out, and all the products of his elixir right at the port-holes all the time.

O happy day that fixed our pick upon this land and bade us stick our new-born colors in the ground and claim the country lying 'round! And cheer, moreover, was two, three, for freedom's aborigine, who did not prove as awful stout but what we all could thrice him out.

It is the place, and no mistake, for raising provender to bake, and giving freely of the least essential to a Christmas feast. A bag or so in the job, and the weather frequently plays hob, but on the whole and in the sum we're doggone happy that we come.

On the 21st of December the sun will cross the Tropic of Capricorn, which will give the trade the ball on our forward bow, and down to go. They will go over on the next day, and Mr. Rockefeller, who is playing greenback for the trade this year, will kick goal. The feature of Christmas will be that Mr. Roosevelt won't have any. He isn't taking any chances of Santa Claus ever heading him anything she likes year.

Mr. Morgan will revert to hanging up the spooking shirt, and trying up the tail to put whatever Santa Claus has put on was in it. How tough it is to hang our stockings where Mr. Bell's faith is hope, and hope is faith, and some fine day the tail will knot.

As many things have been before.

and bling on the parlor floor will go the Christmas odds and ends with which his catch-em-all distends. The costly presents and the rare, and while we all grab here and there for each his share of it the mirth of Santa Claus will fill the earth.

Those merry peals which rouse the dead will wake the echoes overhead, and laughter shivered with reproof reverberate around the roof. He never meant we should pervert the day with hanging up a shirt, nor ever thought, by any chance, of filling Rockefeller's pants.

A sockful each is all there is, and woe to him who takes for his a greater portion, hook or crook, than each originally took. For every person that descends to tying pants around the ends, and closing shirts around the base there is a reckoning to face.

The laws of Santa Claus are good, and in the end are what we would desire they were—that is to say that this is every body's day. A single sock above the fire is all a body should require, and there before the glowing log nobody keen to be the hog.

In such a spirit was it said that all days are to get ahead except this one, which was designed for everyone to get behind. The merry holidays will come, and Santa, sliding on his tum, will belly buster to the grate, and do his best, at any rate.

What remains of Congress will exchange experiences at Washington during the month, and the man who sends Mr. Taft the biggest Christmas turkey will get a good outside job around the White House.

Then January will be here To cheer us now and then, And in the glad and new-born year We'll all swear off again.

EAST BETHEL.

Master Frankie Bean recently shot a fine deer.

Mr. Eugene Bean has gone to Rome, where he has work for the winter.

Mrs. A. M. Bean visited relatives at Berlin, N. H., the past week.

Mr. Maurice Towell of Orono, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bartlett.

Mr. J. L. Holt is the guest of Mrs. F. O. Sloan, Albany, this week.

Miss Eva Bean and Frankie Bean are boarding at Porter Farwell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bartlett were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holt, Neponset, Mass. for Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn and daughters of West Bethel, dined with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyon of Rumford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett and Miss Elsie Bartlett were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett, for Thanksgiving.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farwell were Mr. J. W. Lord and mother, and Mrs. J. W. McAllister of West Lovell, and Mr. Nelson Mann of Hanover.

Mr. Willie Goff has moved his portable saw mill from Elmer Trask's to Rumford Point, where he will operate this winter for J. W. Bartlett, who has recently purchased a quantity of pine timber at Rumford.

EAST SUMNER.

Thanksgiving Day brought many guests to town; Miss Mildred Keane came home from Bethel to spend the day with her father and mother.

Mrs. Harriet Palmer and Arthur Palmer and family dined at Dr. Robinson's.

Mrs. Merrill, Fred Palmer and family, and J. W. Stetson and two daughters of Auburn took dinner at W. H. Eastman's.

William Braden came down from Orono, where he is assisting W. J. Field in his camp.

The day after Thanksgiving, Mary Bryant went to visit her sister, Mrs. Kerr at Rumford. On the same day, Mrs. Kerr came to give her sister a surprise visit. The train met at Custer and when each sister arrived at her destination she found that the surprise was on her own part. Mary returned on the next train, and Mrs. Kerr visited with her until Saturday, p. m.

Mr. Moore of Ellsworth is teaching the school.

Albert Cobb, who has been in Lewiston for several months is home for a visit.

Frank Bryant was home from Dixfield over Sunday.

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LOCAL HISTORY.

(Continued from page one).

Hamlin clock and citizen's bell to which allusion has been made.

The first term of the Court of Common Pleas, over which Samuel Frye of Fryeburg presided, and Dr. Cyrus Hamlin served as clerk—who was father to Vice President Hamlin—was held the 2nd day of June, 1805. Then great pomp was displayed at the commencement of a term; a crowd would collect as in the case now at an exhibition of a country travelling circus. The drum and fife were called into use where the court meeting was to be held, and after a public presentation of a few commonplaces airs the "music" would go to the inn where the court had collected and escort it to the

"TEMPLE OF JUSTICE."

The magnitude in numerical size of the court moving from the inn to the place where "Justice" was to be dispensed can be imagined from the fact that the Justices of the Peace to the first court of Oxford county that marched in platoons of five each to the command of "open order,"—just to make the court display more imposing, when Paris Hill abounded in tree-stumps that were nearly as tall as men, in consequence of the parent trunk having been felled when deep snows covered the earth. A court chamber, or "Temple of Justice" containing twenty-one members answering to roll-call on Paris Hill—pastime glory, faded and gone forever!

"Palaces, doors sealed up, silent as the night, once the dwellings of illustrious dead!"

One of the number was Eli Twitchell, Esq., a hero of the war of the Revolution, who settled "over the river" in Bethel, where personal record seems more like romance than reality from its reading which gives a zest in its consideration compared with the career of many. The citizen readers may expect to see it in print—it is in manuscript form.

The first Court of Sessions meeting of the new county was held June 11, 1805. One of the first items of business was to choose a committee to ascertain the best place to set the "Public Buildings." The committee reported in favor of "Jackson Hill," in Paris.

Then Messrs. William Livermore, Daniel Stowell and Caleb Prentiss were authorized to lay out the two acres lot obtained of Jesse Cummings of Paris; wife Mary Cummings joining, upon a consideration of \$1,—two acres taken from Lot No. 15; Range 5, "so long as the citizens of the county may have occasion to keep and maintain upon the lot the proposed county buildings." Dated, October 8th, 1805.

The first building ordered was a jail and \$1,000 was appropriated for its construction, to be "23x30 feet, two story, with three rooms upon each floor, built of timber 12x12 inches square, secured by bolts eighteen inches in length, plank doors and iron grates."

The history of Paris states that "Capt. Jonathan Remis, son of David, came from Watertown, Mass. in 1790, and settled in the Stearns neighborhood and then removed to Paris Hill. He was the first innkeeper and the first sailor, who built the first jail building." He is characterized as an "enterprising and public spirited man."

His residence wherever located, was the inn, evidently, where the first court of Oxford met, to which the performers with life and drum repaired in 1805 and encamped the court to the "Temple of God and the Temple of Justice"—the Baptist meeting house.

In 1813 the court authorized the building of a court house to be completed by the second Tuesday in June of 1815, and appointed Messrs. Levi Hubbard, Daniel Stowell, William C. Whitsey and Abner K. Paris to superintend the construction.

The court then voted to ratify and confirm the obligation of Jonathan Remis, Esq., made with the above named committee, on the 19th of June, 1812, to erect a court house for Oxford county, and \$1,000 was appropriated. The building was constructed of brick but there is no evidence furnished by the records that disclose the size or contract price or of the material of which it was to be constructed.

The court would make an appropriation which would not be obtained and then another would be voted and by such proceedings the real facts are not now found upon the surface of what transpired at that time.

At the September term of court of 1815 it was voted to remonstrate against any part of the county being set off and Abner K. Paris, Esq., was chosen as the agent of the county to enter the protest before the General Court at the Commonwealth.

(To be continued.)

A DIPLOMATIC COUP.

"Edgar," said the Hon. Gladys H. house, "why don't you go into diplomacy?"

"Because, being a younger son, no money is to be spent on me. I'd need both that and influence to get into diplomacy. No; my father is determined that I shall go to America and earn a living as best I can. Why won't you go with me?"

"Silly boy! You will find all you can do there to support yourself without being burdened by me. Besides, father would not consent. No; you must go into diplomacy."

"It seems to me that your proposition is as silly as mine."

"Not at all. Your father certainly has influence sufficient to get you an assistant secretaryship or something like that."

"At \$300 a year. What would that be to us?"

"You might rise to a better position."

"When you and I are past middle-age. Thank you, I don't propose to wait for dead men's shoes."

But the girl carried her point, and Edgar Manross secured a clerkship in the foreign office at a salary of \$200 a year. Being young and attractive besides the son of a baronet, he was pushed, but not in the way he wished to be pushed. He was forced to do social work. If a courtesy was to be shown any person for any purpose, Edgar Manross was deputed to do it.

Now it was to drive some Turkish pasha in Hotten row, now to show a foreign messenger through Westminster abbey or the British museum. Tiring of this, he went to his chief and asked for a trial at some real diplomatic work. He was laughed at.

Going to the Hon. Gladys, he poured out his woes to her in a disconsolate fashion. There is a faculty possessed by women—at least some women—that is pleasing if not valuable. When the bottom drops out they can say hopefully: "Never mind. It will all come out right in the end." So said Gladys, and Edgar went away thinking what a lovely little fool she was.

At his rooms he found an order to attend a dinner, representing the foreign office. It was not an important function or he would not have been sent. He went and found an assemblage consisting of members of parliament, secretaries of legation and junior government officials. When the speaking came on Edgar retired to a cushioned window seat behind a pair of heavy curtains and went to sleep.

As the evening wore on the assembly was thinned by the departure of the more sober persons, leaving only a few noisy ones. About 1 o'clock Edgar woke up. Some one sitting near was talking. Edgar knew by the voice and the language spoken that he was a member of the French embassy.

"He asks \$4,000,000."

"Why doesn't your government pay it at once?"

"It has offered \$2,000,000, but will raise the price rather than let the shawee go to any other power."

"I should think so. To control the only outlet by sea between Europe and Asia is worth many times the amount." Soon after the speaker went away. Edgar Manross sat up and did a prodigious lot of thinking. It did not take him long to deduce from the dialogue he had heard that a sale of property very important to England was about to occur. Keeping between the curtains till he saw his exit would not be noticed, then passing through the few groups of remaining guests and waiters, the latter clearing away the remains of the feast, he went out and called a cab.

"To Lord D's," he said to the cabby. When he drove up to Lord D's there was not a light to be seen. Nevertheless he rang and finally pounded before the door was opened. Then he told the dandy who opened it that he must see the prime minister at once. He was refused till he said he had important diplomatic information for his lordship. Lord D. came down in dressing gown and slippers.

"I have important information for your lordship," said Edgar. "I am a clerk in the foreign office and I would stipulate a price for it. As it is, I only ask that I be given promotion."

Lord D. roused and directed him to proceed.

"The khedive of Egypt is about to sell his share in the Suez Canal."

"The deuce you say?" exclaimed the minister, starting up.

"He is offered \$2,000,000 by France. He is standing out for \$4,000,000."

The minister stood with mouth open and wide open while Edgar told how he had secured the information. Then, presently he said:

"Have you a cab at the door?"

"Yes."

"Hold it while I get on some clothes." In ten minutes the two were rushing to the residence of Baron Rothschild, whom they routed out, and before he was permitted to retire again he was pledged to furnish the money to buy the khedive's share. When the morning train left for Dover Edgar Manross was on it on his way to Egypt, a special envoy authorized to pay \$4,000,000 for the property, or as much more as would secure it.

A few days later it was known that England owned the narrow strip of land that comprised the khedive's claim and serious complications had been avoided that must have occurred had it been transferred to France.

Edgar Manross was given \$100,000 for his information and was appointed secretary of legation at Washington. He is now ambassador to a prominent European court. Moreover, he is the husband of the Hon. Gladys H. Manross.

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